

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT AMBULANCE TRANSPORT

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a seven percent rate increase for advanced life support emergency ambulance transport. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

The transport service eligible for the payment increase is billed under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) as A0427:

Code		Current Medicaid	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2017*
A0427	Ambulance Advanced Life Support, Emergency Transport, Level 1	\$303.67	\$324.93
<i>*Effective Upon Approval by CMS</i>			

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid emergency ambulance expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid	\$1,970,531.00	\$785,695.60	\$372,976.60
Low Income Medicaid	\$811,858.80	\$550,521.40	\$261,337.40
Total	\$1,970,531.00	\$1,336,217.00	\$634,314.00

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **April 22, 2016** at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 29, 2016**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **May 12, 2016**, Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

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